

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT PROGRAM

PUBLIC NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING and EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD

On

Proposed Renewal of NPDES Permits to Discharge into Waters of the State

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue, P.O. Box 6015
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6015
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NPDES Permit No.: IN0023183 and IN0031950

Name and Address of Permittees:

City of Indianapolis and
White River Environmental Partnership
Indianapolis Belmont Advanced WWTP
2700 South Belmont Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

City of Indianapolis and
White River Environmental Partnership
Indianapolis Southport Advanced WWTP
3800 West Southport Road
Indianapolis, Indiana

I. Hearing Information

IDEM has scheduled a public hearing concerning the draft permit renewals for the Indianapolis Belmont Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Indianapolis Southport Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant. These hearings will be held on the 13th of April, 2000 at 6:00 p.m in Training Room 5 of the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The purpose of said hearings is to allow public participation in the determination of issuance of renewal of the NPDES Permits to the applicant herein. At said hearings, all interested parties may submit written or oral statements to the Hearing Officer for consideration.

II. General Information

The City of Indianapolis has applied for the renewal of their NPDES permits to continue a discharge of treated sanitary wastewater from the existing wastewater treatment facilities into the West Fork of the White River in Marion County, Indiana. The City of Indianapolis owns and the White River Environmental Partnership operates both of the municipal wastewater treatment plants. The Belmont plant is designed to handle an average discharge of 120 million gallons per day of treated sanitary wastewater. The Southport plant is designed to handle an average discharge of 125 million gallons per day of treated sanitary wastewater.

III. Tentative Determination

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of pertinent standards and regulations, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management proposes to issue NPDES permit renewals to the City of Indianapolis and White River Environmental Partnership. These permits impose certain effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and special conditions. Proposed effluent parameters to be limited and/or monitored are flow, carbonaceous BOD₅, Total Suspended Solids, ammonia-N, pH, fecal coliform, E. coli, total residual chlorine, dissolved oxygen, cadmium, copper, cyanide, lead, mercury, nickel, zinc, chloride, fluoride, sulfate, total dissolved solids, and arsenic. There are also 133 combined sewer overflows in the collection system which are addressed in the Belmont draft permit renewal. The permits are proposed to be issued for a term of not more than five years.

IV. Procedures for the Formulation of Final Determination

A. Comment Period

The proposed determination to issue the NPDES Permit renewals is tentative. Comments not submitted at the public hearing should be submitted in person or received no later than. Deliver or mail all requests or comments to:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Municipal NPDES Permits Section
Office of Water Management
100 North Senate Avenue, Room 1203
P.O. Box 6015
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6015

The original comment period for the draft permit renewals was scheduled to end on February 21, 2000, however the comment period has been extended until April 24, 2000. All comments received by that date will be considered in the formulation of the final determination.

B. Notice of Final Determination

Any person who is interested in receiving notice of the final agency determination on these proposed permit renewals is requested to notify the agency at the above address during the specified comment period. Notice of final permit actions will not be made to persons who fail to comment on the proposed permit or fail to request such notice.

V. Availability of Additional Information

The application, proposed permits, including effluent limitations and special conditions, wasteload allocation study, comments received, and any other information are on file and may be inspected at the Office of Water Management, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Government Center North, Room 1203, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the Public Notice and the proposed permits are available at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. These and other related documents may be copied at a cost of 10 cents per page. Copies of the draft permits are also on file and available for public review at the Marion County Health Department. The draft permits have also been posted on the Internet at <http://www.ai.org/idem/owm.html>. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.